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Education Initiative Enters Circulation

***Education. Repeals Non-Discrimination
Requirements for School Instruction. Initiative Statute.***

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

EDUCATION. REPEALS NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL INSTRUCTION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals requirement that schools prohibit instructional materials that reflect adversely on persons based on their sexual orientation and other characteristics. Repeals requirement that school instructional materials recognize societal contributions of various groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **This measure would not impose additional costs on school districts.** (11-0085)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1562 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 11-0085.

The proponent for this measure, Richard Rios, must collect signatures of 504,760 registered voters – the number equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2010 gubernatorial election – in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for this measure, meaning the signatures must be collected by June 25, 2012.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (714) 333-0303.

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